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**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 TO RESPOND
TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 17, 2006**

Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on January 17, 2006. The Office Action established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. As such, the three-month shortened statutory time to respond was April 17, 2006. If this petition for a one-month extension of time is granted, the response will be due on May 17, 2006.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the extension fee for a three-month extension of time in the amount of \$60.00 and any additional fees, including, without limitation, any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 07-0153 of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP and reference Attorney Docket No. 129843.1143. Please credit any overpayments to this same Deposit Account.

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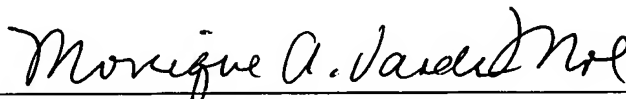
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